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Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade: status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial

Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 69/19, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office for Partnerships, through the Secretary-General, to submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its seventieth session on the status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, established with a view to implementing the initiative to erect a permanent memorial in honour of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. Status of the Trust Fund

3. As at 25 June 2015, a total of $2,043,968 had been recorded as income received from contributions and interest under the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, comprising voluntary contributions from Member States amounting to $1,751,574, public and private donations totalling $230,471 and interest income of $61,923. The breakdown of the contributions received is provided in the annex to the present report. With regard to expenditure, an amount of $2,027,065 had been utilized, including $1,750,000 for the design, fabrication and installation of the memorial. The Fund had an unspent balance of $16,908.

4. In February 2014, the Committee of interested States established to oversee the permanent memorial project (Permanent Memorial Committee) entered into an

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agreement with Rodney Leon Architects to provide services relating to the design, fabrication and installation of the memorial.

5. The permanent memorial, *The Ark of Return*, was unveiled by the Secretary-General and the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, Sam Kutesa, at a ceremony at Headquarters on 25 March 2015, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, in the presence of, among others, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson Miller; the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Irina Bokova; the Chair of the Permanent Memorial Committee, Courtenay Rattray; the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Asoke Kumar Mukerji; the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, Téte António; and the architect, Rodney Leon.

Annex

United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial: contributions received as at 25 June 2015

(United States dollars (rounded))

Donor	*Amount*
Afghanistan	1 000
Algeria	20 000
Antigua and Barbuda	7 500
Argentina	30 000
Australia	150 000
Azerbaijan	25 000
Bahamas	7 500
Barbados	10 000
Belgium	6 267
Belize	2 000
Bhutan	1 000
Botswana	10 000
Brazil	20 000
Burkina Faso	533
Canada	19 342
Chile	5 000
China	20 000
Congo	9 831
Costa Rica	5 000
Cyprus	675
Denmark	10 000
Ecuador	5 000
Egypt	5 000
Equatorial Guinea	100 000
Estonia	10 000
Finland	75 000
Georgia	5 000
Germany	20 000
Ghana	10 000
Greece	1 278
Grenada	5 000
Guyana	5 000
Haiti	15 000
Honduras	2 000
Iceland	1 000

Donor	*Amount*
India	260 000
Indonesia	500
Ireland	10 000
Israel	20 000
Italy	15 000
Jamaica	7 500
Japan	60 000
Kazakhstan	50 000
Kenya	5 000
Kuwait	20 000
Libya	20 000
Liechtenstein	3 000
Lithuania	2 000
Luxembourg	55 021
Malaysia	10 000
Malta	500
Mauritius	5 000
Mexico	5 000
Monaco	6 564
Montenegro	500
Morocco	5 876
Mozambique (Southern African Development Community Group of Ambassadors)	2 500
Namibia	2 000
Netherlands	62 198
New Zealand	40 000
Nicaragua	500
Norway	5 000
Oman	9 979
Pakistan	25 000
Portugal	39 040
Qatar	30 000
Republic of Korea	20 000
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 000
Saint Lucia	600
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 000
Saudi Arabia	10 000
Senegal	9 610
Singapore	10 000
Slovenia	11 818
South Africa	101 051

Donor	*Amount*
Spain	84 141
Sri Lanka	500
Sudan	1 000
Suriname	10 000
Sweden	10 000
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	500
Togo	175
Trinidad and Tobago	10 000
Turkey	23 500
United Arab Emirates	5 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29 076
Uruguay	10 000
Subtotal, Member State donations	**1 751 574**
Ford Foundation	75 000
Global Sustainability Foundation	60 000
Martinique	55 859
Private donors	39 611
Subtotal, public/private donations	**230 471**
Interest income	61 923
Total	**2 043 968**